

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 306
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Sharon Polliver
and the 1996-1997 Midway Elementary School
girls' basketball team on a great season.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to specially recognize those athletic teams
whose achievements are a source of pride for all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the memorable 1996-1997 Midway Elementary School girls' basketball
team, which finished runner-up in the tough East Tennessee State Tournament, is one such
exemplary squad; and

WHEREAS, Midway began the prestigious tournament with a first-round victory against
Northview 50-45 on their opponent's home court; and

WHEREAS, in second-round action, the Lady Red Devils withstood a concerted effort by
Jacksboro Middle School, coming away with an impressive 63-55 overtime victory; and

WHEREAS, in the semi-final game of the tournament, mighty Midway played an
experienced Hancock County team, winning a tight 44-43 contest as Jessica Minton sank a last
second free-throw; and

WHEREAS, they completed the season with an excellent 26-2 overall mark, a winning
percentage of .929; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team also won the Washburn Invitational
Tournament, the Maynardville Invitational Tournament, the Smoky Mountain Invitational

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Tournament and the Claiborne County Tournament. All who watched them play were impressed with their dazzling display of athleticism; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sharon Polliver has done a marvelous job of preparing the team for the rigors of championship play; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team, each of whom contributed to its success, were: Tracy England, Ashley Bennett, Amanda Williams, Carrie Collins, Katasha Brown, Jessica Minton, Samantha Seals, Amanda Hurst, Nicole Seals, Ashley Keck, Abby DeBusk, Jenny Bays, Brittany Beason and Jessie Redmond; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to honor this fine squad; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Sharon Polliver and the 1996-1997 Midway Elementary School girls' basketball team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That 18 copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.